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ACTION: Secstate WASHINGTON IMMEDIATE 8214

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REF: STATE 27132

SUBJECT: US-CHICOM TALKS

FOR AMBASSADOR BROWN

1. Request for meeting between KREISBERG and Chicom EmbOffs

Smorning Feb. 20 rejected by Chinese as "unnecessary and without purpose in view of anti-Chinese atmosphere created by US". Chinese, however, indicated willingness continue exchange letters "through usual channels".

2. In view Chicom adamance on direct contact, propose following letter from Ambassador to Chicom Charge be delivered by Emboff to Chicom Embassy along with letter on prisoners.

3. BEGIN TEXT. US regrets calling off by your Govt 135th Ambassadorial-level meeting scheduled for Feb. 20. We recall that your Govt. similarly cancelled agreed date in May 1968 which originally proposed by your side at our 134th meeting; never confirmed and brought about the

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postponement of the meeting in mid- or late-November 1968 which was originally proposed by your Govt. in May 1968; and has now again refused to meet on Feb. 20, the date which was proposed by your Govt. on Nov. 25, 1968. USG is willing to continue its dialogue with the PRC but, in light of Chinese actions over last thirteen months and apparent inability of Chinese Govt. to make up its mind, it unclear to USG whether Chinese Govt for its part wishes to continue this series of meetings.

4. Major purpose of meetings is to enable two sides to discuss disputes and differences in private. Facts on Mr. Liao Ho-shu made clear by US side. Mr. Liao decided voluntarily and on his own to go to US and is free to leave at any time. In your letter of Feb. 6 you stated that Mr. Liao had "betrayed" his country, making clear that your Govt. itself recognizes that Mr. Liao left his office in The Hague voluntarily. If your Govt. wished to raise further points relating to Mr. Liao with my Govt., the obvious place to have done so would have been at our meeting ~~XXXXXX~~ scheduled ~~XXXXXX~~ for Feb. 20. The ~~XXXXXX~~ USG, therefore, rejects the

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grounds on which your Govt. has unilaterally called off this meeting.

5. May I also draw to your attention the description in your letter of Feb. 6 of President NIXON and former President JOHNSON as "jackals of the same lair". Offensive references to the leaders of my Govt or yours in our correspondence are out of place and this language in your Feb. 6 letter is obviously unacceptable to my Govt.

6. The USG nevertheless remains ready to continue meetings between representatives of our two Govts. at the Ambassadorial-level here in Warsaw or elsewhere. I request, therefore, that you inquire of your Govt. concerning its attitude and intentions regarding future meetings between our two sides and would appreciate your informing me of its response.

END TEXT.

7. FYI.

1.3 (a) (5) informed by Chicom EmbOff at Chinese Embassy same day that "at present Chinese had no plans for resumption talks". While we assume this means Chicoms here have been given no info by Peking on possible date for future

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meeting, barring development of new critical situation in Asia which Chinese may feel requires special contact with US, we suspect we may be in for prolonged suspension of Warsaw meetings.

8. Kreisberg and ANDERSON leaving Warsaw Feb. 21.

Kreisberg will visit Bucharest en route to US and Anderson stopping off for speaking engagement London. Both will return to Department by Feb. 25.

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